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Abrahams, Peter. *Into the Dark*. 2008. DB, RC

Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes aficionado Ingrid Levin-Hill tries to clear her grandfather's name when he is accused of murdering an environmental activist found dead on his farm. 352 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2009-2010.

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. 2007. LP, DB, RC

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. 288 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Twisted*. 2007. LP, DB, RC

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts. 272 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Wintergirls*. 2009. DB

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder. 288 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Anderson, M.T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume 1: The Pox Party*. 2006. LP, DB, RC

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the fictional experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as

part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War. 384 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.

Anderson, M.T. *Feed*. 2002. DB, RC

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble. 299 pages. YA. GMBA 2005-2006.

Andrews, Jesse. *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*. 2012.

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia. 304 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. 2010. DB

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. 160 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2011-2012.

+Arnosky, Jim. *Little Champ*. 1995.

Bobby and Gina visit their grandparents on Lake Champlain and learn about the legendary monster that supposedly inhabits the lake. 73 pages. Gr. 3 up.

Aronson, Marc & Patty Campbell, eds. *War Is...: Soldiers, Survivors and Storytellers Talk About War*. 2008. DB

An anthology of fiction, speeches, poems and essays about war. 288 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Avi. *City of Orphans*. 2011.

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes. 368 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Avi. *Nothing but the Truth: A Documentary Novel*. 1991. LP, DB, RC

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story. 177 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 1992-1993.

Bacigalupi, Paolo. *Ship Breaker*. 2011. DB

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

+ Babbitt, Natalie. *The Search for Delicious*. 1969.

The Prime Minister is compiling a dictionary and when no one at court can agree on the meaning of delicious, the King sends his twelve-year-old messenger to poll the country. 167 pages. Gr. 4 up.

Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. 1975. DB, RC

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share a secret about a spring whose water prevents people from ever growing any older. 139 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1976-1977.

Bardugo, Leigh. *Shadow and Bone*. 2012. DB.

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold. 356 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Barnes, John. *Tales of the Madman Underground*. 2011.

In September 1973, as the school year begins in his depressed Ohio town, high-school senior Kurt Shoemaker determines to be "normal," despite his chaotic home life with his volatile, alcoholic mother and the deep loyalty and affection he has for his friends in the therapy group dubbed the Madman Underground. 544 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*. 2009. DB, RC

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world. 208 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2010-2011.

Bauer, Joan. *Close to Famous*. 2011. DB

Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there. 250 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Bauer, Marion Dane. *Little Dog, Lost*. 2012.

A boy, a dog, and an old man are lonely before the boy plans a rally, the dog looks for a boy, and all the townspeople run to the old man's aid when lightning strikes his home and something miraculous happens. 197 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Bechdel, Alison. *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*. 2006.

In this memoir in graphic novel format, Bechdel tells startling stories of her childhood growing up in a restored funeral home. The story focuses on her father, an angry and disturbed man, and how she came to terms with his secrets. 232 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2008-2009.

Benanav, Michael. *Men of Salt: Crossing the Sahara on the Caravan of White Gold*. 2006. DB

Benanav joined the "Caravan of White Gold" -- so-called because the salt was once literally worth its weight in gold -- on its mission into the deadly heart of the Sahara to

haul back gleaming slabs of solid salt for sale at market. He lived for weeks among the camel drivers as they traveled eighteen hours a day for nearly a thousand miles without a map or landmark in sight, through sandstorms and searing heat on a trek worthy of Indiana Jones. 256 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2009-2010.

Benioff, David. *City of Thieves*. 2008. DB, RC

When a dead German paratrooper lands in his street, Lev is caught looting the body and dragged to jail, fearing for his life. He shares his cell with the charismatic and grandiose Kolya, a handsome young soldier arrested on desertion charges. Instead of the standard bullet in the back of the head, Lev and Kolya are given a chance at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt to find the impossible. 258 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Black, Holly & Cecil Castelluci, eds. *Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd*. 2010. DB

A collection of twenty-nine short stories about geeks. 432 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Blake, Kendare. *Anna Dressed in Blood*. 2011. DB

For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Booth, Coe. *Tyrell*. 2006.

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Bray, Libba. *Beauty Queens*. 2011. DB.

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. 400 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Brooks, Kevin. *The Road of the Dead*. 2006.

Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London and travel to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Burg, Shana. *Laugh with the Moon*. 2012.

Thirteen-year-old Clare, grieving after her mother's recent death, reluctantly travels with her father to spend nine weeks in a remote village in Malawi, where new friends and experiences help open her mind and heart. 256 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Cashore, Kristin. *Graceling*. 2008. DB, RC

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king. 480 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2011.

Castellucci, Cecil. *Plain Janes*. 2007.

When Jane moves to the suburbs she thinks her life is over, but she meets three friends who form a club P.L.A.I.N., but can art really save a group of misfits from high school? 176 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Notes from a Liar and Her Dog*. 2001. DB, RC

Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies. 216 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2002-2003.

+ Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. 1981. DB, RC

The further adventures of the Quimby family as Ramona enters the third grade. 208 pages. Grade 3 up.

Clements, Andrew. *Troublemaker*. 2011. DB

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker. 160 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Cline, Ernest. *Ready Player One*. 2011. DB

In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS, but when Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday he finds he must compete with thousands of others -- including those willing to commit murder -- in order to claim a prize of massive fortune. 374 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*. 2004. LP, DB

Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, triggering an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. 320 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2004-2005.

Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*. 2008. LP, DB, RC

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem conduct an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she volunteers to take her younger sister's place. 374 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF Winner 2010.

Connolly, John. *The Book of Lost Things*. 2007. DB, RC

High in his attic bedroom, twelve-year-old David mourns the death of his mother, with only the books on his shelf for company. But those books have begun to whisper to him in the darkness. Angry and alone, he takes refuge in his imagination and soon finds that reality and fantasy have begun to meld. 480 pages. YA and adult. GMBA 2011-2012.

Cormier, Robert. *The Chocolate War*. 1974. DB, RC

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies. 253 pages. Gr. 8 up.

Cormier, Robert. *I Am the Cheese*. 1977. DB, RC

A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past, yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive. 233 pages. Gr. 7 up.

Coulombis, Audrey. *Jake*. 2010.

When ten-year-old Jake's widowed mother breaks her leg just before Christmas while her sister and best friend are both away, a grandfather Jake barely remembers must come to Baltimore, Maryland, to help a neighbor take care of him. 176 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Cox, Lynne. *Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer*. 2004. LP

The world's most extraordinary distance swimmer writes about her emotional and spiritual need to swim and about the almost mystical act of swimming itself. 359 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2006-2007.

Creech, Sharon. *Love That Dog*. 2001.

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem. 86 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF Winner 2003.

Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*. 1994. DB, RC

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left. 280 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1995-1996.

Creech, Sharon. *The Wanderer*. 2000. LP, DB, RC

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England. 305 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2001-2002.

Cronn-Mills, Kirstin. *Beautiful Music for Ugly Children*. 2012.

Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgender. 271 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bucking the Sarge*. 2004. LP, RC
Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home for Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher. 288 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Mighty Miss Malone*. 2012.
With love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," twelve-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie, and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression. 320 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2013-2014.
- Cushman, Karen. *Catherine Called Birdy*. 1994. RC
The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off. 169 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 1995-1996.
- Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade Crime*. 2011. DB
When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened. 160 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2012-2013.
- + De Angeli, Marguerite. *The Door in the Wall*. 1949.
In the Middle Ages a young boy crippled by the plague has an adventurous journey from London to the castle where he becomes a page. 111 pages.
- Dessen, Sarah. *The Truth About Forever*. 2004.
The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work as the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief. 400 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.
- DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie*. 2000. DB, RC
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. 182 pages. Gr. 3 up. DCF Winner 2002.
- Dickinson, Peter. *Eva*. 1989. DB, RC
When Eva awakes from a coma after a terrible car accident, she finds that her mind has been transplanted into the body of a chimp. 219 pages. Gr. 7 up.
- Doctorow, Cory. *Little Brother*. 2008. DB, RC
After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old

Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. 416 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Donnelly, Jennifer. *A Northern Light*. 2003.

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on the true story that inspired Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*. 408 pages. YA. GMBA 2005-2006.

Donnelly, Jennifer. *Revolution*. 2010. DB

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French Revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France. 496 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Donoghue, Emma. *Room*. 2010. DB

Room is home to Jack, but to his mother it's the prison where she has been held for seven years. Through her fierce love for her son she has created a life for him in this eleven-by-eleven-foot space, but with Jack's curiosity building alongside her own desperation, she knows that Room cannot contain them much longer. 352 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2012-2013.

+ Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Dovey Coe*. 2001.

When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother. 181 pages.

Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind*. 2010. DB

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. 320 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Drucker, Malka & Michael Halperin. *Jacob's Rescue*. 1993.

In answer to his daughter's questions, a man recalls the terrifying years of his childhood when a brave Polish couple, Alex and Mela Roslan, hid him and other Jewish children from the Nazis. Based on a true story. 115 pages.

+ DuBois, William Pene. *The Twenty-One Balloons*. 1947. DB, RC

Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic and brought to an island full of balloon inventions and fabulous wealth, only to watch it be destroyed by a violent volcanic eruption. 180 pages. Gr. 4-6.

Eager, Edgar. *Half Magic*. 1985.

Four children spending their summer in a city apartment enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin. 192 pages. Gr. 4 up.

Ellis, Ann Dee. *This is What I Did*. 2007.

Bullied because of an incident in his past, eighth-grader Logan is unhappy at his new school and has difficulty relating to others until he meets a quirky girl and a counselor who believe in him. 176 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Ellis, Deborah. *The Breadwinner*. 2000. RC

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest. 170 pages. Gr. 5 up.

Erskine, Kathryn. *Mockingbird*. 2010. DB

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father. 235 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*. 1973. DB, RC

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson. 78 pages. Gr. 3-5.

Falls, Kat. *Dark Life*. 2010. DB

When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat. 304 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Farmer, Nancy. *The Ear, the Eye and the Arm*. 1994. LP, DB, RC

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them. 311 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 1995-1996.

Federle, Tim. *Better Nate Than Ever*. 2013. DB

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T." 275 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Fisher, Catherine. *Incarceron*. 2010. DB

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape. 464 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Fleischman, Sid. *The Whipping Boy*. 1986. DB, RC

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. 96 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 1987-1988.

- Frank, Anne. *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. 1952. LP, DB
For two years, Anne and her family were hidden from the Germans by a family in Amsterdam during World War II. 285 pages. Gr. 6 up.
- Freyman-Weyr, Garrett. *My Heartbeat*. 2002. DB, AUD
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing. 176 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.
- Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart*. 2003. LP, DB, RC
Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story. 534 pages. Gr. 4-8.
- Gaiman, Neil. *Anansi Boys*. 2005. LP, DB, RC
A semi-realistic fantasy that blends African myth and contemporary Afro-American/Afro-British culture in a story about an accountant who loses the father who caused him terminal embarrassment, gains a brother he never knew he had, and finds true love. 416 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2007-2008.
- Gantos, Jack. *Hole in My Life*. 2002. RC, AUD
The author of the Joey Pigza books relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer. 208 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.
- Gardiner, John Reynolds. *Stone Fox*. 1980. RC
Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the winnings from a dog sled race he enters. 78 pages. Gr. 4 up.
- Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*. 2010. DB
Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered. 294 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. *R My Name is Rachel*. 2011.
Three city siblings, now living on a farm during the Great Depression, must survive on their own when their father takes a construction job miles away. 176 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2012-2013.
- Going, K.L. *King of the Screwups*. 2009. DB
After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior Liam, who never seems to live up to his wealthy father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam-rocker" uncle. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Goldblatt, Mark. *Twerp*. 2013.

In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying. 278 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Goodman, Allegra. *The Other Side of the Island*. 2008. DB

Born in the eighteenth year of Enclosure, ten-year-old Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helix, another "unpredictable," to uncover a terrible secret about their island and the corporation that runs everything. 288 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2009-2010.

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. 2013. DB

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students, but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. 290 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Grahame, Kenneth. *The Wind in the Willows*. 1989. LP, DB, RC

Escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside – Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. 259 pages. Gr. 4 up.

Gray, Keith. *Ostrich Boys*. 2010.

After their best friend Ross dies, English teenagers Blake, Kenny, and Sim plan a proper memorial by taking his ashes to Ross, Scotland, an adventure-filled journey that tests their loyalty to each other and forces them to question what friendship means. 304 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. 2006.

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships. 272 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2008.

Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars*. 2012. DB

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. 336 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2014.

Green, John. *Looking for Alaska*. 2005. DB, RC

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.

Green, John. *Paper Towns*. 2008. DB, RC

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found*. 2008. LP, DB, RC

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time. 336 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2009-2010.

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. 2003. DB, RC

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. 226 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2005-2006.

Hahn, Mary Downing. *All the Lovely Bad Ones*. 2008. DB, RC

While spending the summer at their grandmother's Vermont inn, two prankster siblings awaken young ghosts from the inn's distant past who refuse to "rest in peace." 182 pages.

Hahn, Mary Downing. *Closed for the Season*. 2009. DB

When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer. 182 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2010-2011.

Hahn, Mary Downing. *Stepping on the Cracks*. 1991. DB, RC

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully, Gordy, when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him. 216 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1992-1993.

Halpin, Brendan. *Donorboy*. 2004.

Fourteen-year-old Rosalind finds herself adjusting to a new life that seems both hateful and surreal - she's an orphan with a new father, surrounded by friends she is beginning to despise and well-meaning adults who succeed only in annoying her. 224 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.

Harden, Blaine. *Escape from Camp 14: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West*. 2012. LP

Chronicles the life of Dong-hyuk Shin, who was raised in a political prison camp in North Korea, and describes the inhuman conditions inside, his harrowing escape from the camp and the country, and his efforts to raise awareness of the camps to others. 210 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2014-2015.

Harrington, Karen. *Sure Signs of Crazy*. 2013. DB

Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, *To Kill a Mockingbird's* Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in one summer. 280 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Hartman, Rachel. *Seraphina*. 2012. DB

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents. 512 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Hasak-Lowy, Todd. *33 Minutes... Until Morgan Sturtz Kicks My Butt*. 2013.

An epic lunch period leads to a fateful showdown as small, skinny seventh-grader Sam's former best friend--now a popular athlete--promises to beat Sam up at recess in exactly thirty-three minutes. 210 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Hautman, Pete. *Godless*. 2004. LP, DB, RC

When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own. 208 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.

Hesse, Karen. *Letters from Rifka*. 1992. DB, RC

In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others emigrate to America. 148 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 1993-1994.

Hesse, Karen. *Witness*. 2001. DB, RC

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town. 161 pages. Gr. 5-8 DCF 2002-2003.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Chomp*. 2012.

When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father. 304 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. 2009. DB

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing. 384 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2010-2011.

Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*. 1967. DB

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society. 192 pages. Gr. 7 up.

Hiranandani, Veera. *The Whole Story of Half a Girl*. Delacorte. 2012.

When Sonia's father loses his job and she must move from her small, supportive private school to a public middle school, the half-Jewish half-Indian sixth-grader experiences culture shock as she tries to navigate the school's unfamiliar social scene. 224 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Hopkins, Ellen. *Crank*. 2004.

Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter: gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, she is introduced to the monster: crank, and what begins as a wild, ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul and her life. 544 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2009.

Howe, James. *Addie on the Inside*. 2011.

Outspoken thirteen-year-old Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates seventh grade, enjoys a visit from her grandmother, fights with her boyfriend, and endures gossip and meanness from her former best friend. 240 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2012-2013.

+ Howe, James. *Bunnicula*. 1979. DB, RC

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire. 128 pages. Grade 3 up. DCF Winner 1981.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *One for the Murphys*. 2012.

After heartbreaking betrayal, Carley is sent to live with a foster family and struggles with opening herself up to their love. 224 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Jiang, Ji-Li. *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*. 1997. DB, RC

An outstanding student and much admired leader of her class, Ji-Li Jiang was poised for a shining future in the Communist party until the Cultural Revolution of 1966. Told with simplicity, innocence and grace, this unforgettable memoir gives a child's eye view of a terrifying time in 20th-century history--and of one family's indomitable courage under fire. 304 pages. Gr. 5 up.

Johnson, Angela. *The First Part Last*. 2003. LP, DB, RC

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. 144 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2006.

Johnson, Maureen. *13 Little Blue Envelopes*. 2005.

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.

Johnson, Maureen. *The Name of the Star*. 2011. DB.

Rory, of B nouville, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation. 400 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Johnson, Maureen. *Suite Scarlett*. 2008. DB, RC

Fifteen-year-old Scarlett Marvin is stuck in New York City for the summer working at her quirky family's historic hotel, but her out-of-work actor brother's attractive new friend and a seasonal guest who offers her an intriguing and challenging writing project improve her outlook. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *The Thing About Luck*. 2013. DB

Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her cranky grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers. 269 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Katcher, Brian. *Almost Perfect*. 2010. DB

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a strange new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a big secret. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Kelly, Joe. *I Kill Giants*. 2009.

Barbara Thorson, a girl battling monsters both real and imagined, kicks butt, takes names, and faces her greatest fear in this bittersweet, coming-of-age graphic novel. 184 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Key, Alexander. *The Forgotten Door*. 1965. RC

An alien introduces the Bean family to a door which leads into a world where humans are friends with animals, as well as with each other. 140 pages. Gr. 4 up.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt*. 2010. DB

On her first day of boarding school, a thirteen-year-old girl who feels boring and invisible decides to change her personality to match her unusual name. 248 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.

+ Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. *As Long as There Are Mountains*. 1997. RC.

Thirteen-year-old Iris dreams of one day running the family farm in northern Vermont, but the summer of 1956 holds many shocking changes that threaten the life Iris loves. 144 pages. Grade 5 up.

Kluger, Steve. *My Most Excellent Year*. 2008.

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own. 416 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Kraus, Daniel. *Rotters*. 2012.

Sixteen-year-old Joey's life takes a very strange turn when his mother's tragic death forces him to move from Chicago to rural Iowa with the father he has never known who is the town pariah. 448 pages. GMBA 2014-2015.

LaCour, Nina. *Hold Still*. 2009.

As Caitlin struggles to cope with her best friend Ingrid's suicide, she turns inward and quiet, but finding Ingrid's hidden journal, a new classmate, and new projects help Caitlin find a way to reach out again. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

LaFevers, Robin. *Grave Mercy*. 2012.

Seventeen-year-old Ismae avoids an arranged marriage by making a place for herself at the convent of St. Martin, where she learns of her unique gifts and must determine whether she will be trained as an assassin and serve as a handmaiden to Death. 566 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

LeGuin, Ursula K. *Catwings*. 1988. RC

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands. 40 pages. Gr. 2-5.

L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*. 1962. LP, DB

Meg and her friends are spirited to another world by three extraterrestrial beings where they find her father and undergo many terrors before they free him. 190 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1963-1964.

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ella Enchanted*. 1997. DB, RC

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. 232 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF Winner 1999.

Levithan, David. *Every Day*. 2013.

Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until A wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. 324 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

Lewis, C.S. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. 1950. LP, RC

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. 154 pages. Gr. 4 up.

Lindbergh, Anne. *Travel Far, Pay No Fare*. 1992.

When twelve-year-old Owen finds that his nine-year-old cousin has a magic bookmark, he joins her when she enters different stories in hopes of finding a way to prevent their parents' upcoming marriage. 199 pages. Gr. 5-8.

- Lockhart, E. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*. 2008. DB, RC
 Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.
- Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*. 1993. LP, DB, RC
 Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. 180 pages. Gr. 6 up.
- Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*. 1989. DB, RC
 In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. 137 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF Winner 1991.
- Lupica, Mike. *Hero*. 2010. DB
 Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life. 289 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.
- Lyga, Barry. *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl*. 2006.
 A fifteen-year-old "geek" who keeps a list of the high school jocks and others who torment him, and pours his energy into creating a great graphic novel, encounters Kyra, Goth Girl, who helps change his outlook on almost everything, including himself. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Lynch, Chris. *Inexcusable*. 2005. LP, DB, RC
 High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong. 176 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Lyga, Barry. *I Hunt Killers*. 2012. DB.
 Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad," but believes he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, so he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist." 384 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. *Waiting for the Magic*. 2011.
 When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat. 176 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2012-2013.
- Marino, Nan. *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace*. 2013.
 When musical prodigy Elvis Ruby completely freezes up on television, he is forced to hide out in the Pinelands of New Jersey and try to find his way back to the music once again with the help of a new friend. 250 pages. Gr. 5 and up. DCF 2014-2015.

Marr, Melissa. *Wicked Lovely*. 2007.

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and the Winter Queen, as the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Martel, Yan. *Life of Pi*. 2002. LP, DB

After a shipwreck, Pi finds himself alone on a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450 pound Bengal tiger. 326 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2005-2006.

Martinez, A. Lee. *Emperor Mollusk Versus The Sinister Brain*. 2013.

Emperor Mollusk, ex-warlord of Earth, comes out of retirement to save the planet from the sinister brain's control. 312 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

Mass, Wendy. *11 Birthdays*. 2009.

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again. 272 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF Winner 2011.

Matson, Morgan. *Amy & Roger's Epic Detour*. 2010.

After the death of her father, Amy, a high school student, and Roger, a college freshman, set out on a carefully planned road trip from California to Connecticut, but wind up taking many detours, forcing Amy to face her worst fears and come to terms with her grief and guilt. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

+ Mauser, Pat Rhoads. *A Bundle of Sticks*. 1982.

At the mercy of the class bully, a fifth grader is sent to a martial arts school where he learns techniques to defend himself as well as a philosophy that allows him not to fight. 169 pages.

McBride, Lish. *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer*. 2010. DB.

Sam LaCroix, a Seattle fast-food worker and college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves, satyrs, and one particular necromancer who sees Sam as a threat to his lucrative business of raising the dead. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragon song*. 1976. DB, RC

Forbidden by her father to indulge in music in any way, a girl on the planet Pern runs away, taking shelter with the planet's fire lizards who, along with her music, open a new life for her. 176 pages. Gr. 5 up.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. *White Darkness*. 2007. DB, RC

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone, a troubled fourteen year old, discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth. 400 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

McCormick, Patricia. *Sold*. 2006. DB, RC

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid, only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is almost no hope of escape. 272 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

McNeal, Tom. *Far Far Away*. 2013. DB

When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate Ginger Boltinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their town. 371 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Messner, Kate. *Sugar and Ice*. 2010. DB

When Russian skating coach Andrei Grosheva offers twelve-year-old farm girl Claire a scholarship to train with the elite in Lake Placid, she encounters a world of mean girls on ice, where competition is everything. 304 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Mignola, Mike. *Joe Golem and the Drowning City*. 2013.

In the Drowning City (what Lower Manhattan became after earthquakes and a rising sea level left most of it submerged underwater) fourteen-year-old Molly McHugh's employer, the psychic medium Felix Orlov, is abducted after a séance goes wrong, and Molly befriends Simon Hodge, a Victorian detective who's kept himself alive with magic and steampunk mechanics, and his sidekick, the mysterious Joe Golem. 295 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

Moore, Perry. *Hero*. 2009.

Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father; it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust. 432 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Morgenstern, Erin. *Night Circus*. 2011. DB.

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways. 516 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2013-2014.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Dairy Queen*. 2006. DB, RC

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. 274 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Shooter*. 2004. LP, DB, RC, AUD

Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, this story of three troubled teenagers ends in a tragic school shooting. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.

+Napoli, Donna Jo. *Zel*. 1996. RC

Based on the fairy tale Rapunzel, the story is told in alternating chapters from the point of view of Zel, her mother, and the nobleman who pursues her, and delves into the psychological motivations of each of the characters. 227 pages. Gr. 7 up.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shiloh*. 1991. DB, RC

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. 144 pages. Gr. 3 up. DCF Winner 1993.

Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till*. 2005. DB

In 1955 people all over the United States knew that Emmett Louis Till was a fourteen-year-old African American boy lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. The brutality of his murder, the open-casket funeral held by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, and the acquittal of the men tried for the crime drew wide media attention. In a profound and chilling poem, Marilyn Nelson tells us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement. 48 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Ness, Patrick. *The Knife of Never Letting Go*. 2009.

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World. 496 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2012.

Ness, Patrick. *A Monster Calls*. 2011. DB.

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss. 224 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. *The False Prince*. 2012.

In the fictional country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war. 352 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2013-2014.

North, Ryan, et al. *Machine of Death*. 2010.

Thirty-four different stories about people who know how, but not when, they will die. Even when people do have knowledge of the future, things can turn out very differently from what they expect. 464 pages. YA and adult. GMBA 2012-2013.

- Novgorodoff, Danica, James Ponslodt, & Benjamin Percy. *Refresh, Refresh*. 2009.
While their fathers are fighting in Iraq, Josh, Cody, and Gordon are about to graduate from high school and struggle to make the big decisions about their futures. 144 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.
- Novik, Naomi. *His Majesty's Dragon*. 2006. DB, RC
Plenty of Napoleonic swash is buckled in this alternative history (think *Master and Commander* or Jane Austen with dragons). After bonding with the dragon Tremaire, an elegant, intelligent creature once destined for Napoleon himself, Captain Will Laurence leaves the Royal Navy for the Aerial Corps and a new life as battle-filled as his old one. 384 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2008-2009.
- O'Brien, Robert. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*. 1986. DB, RC
Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived. 233 pages. Gr. 5 up.
- O'Connor, Barbara. *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester*. 2010. DB
After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola. 168 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2011-2012.
- O'Neill, Heather. *Lullabies for Little Criminals*. 2006.
Motherless, thirteen year old Baby lives with her father, Jules, who takes better care of his heroin habit than he does of his daughter, but her blossoming beauty has captured the attention of a charismatic and dangerous local pimp who runs an army of sad, slavishly devoted girls-a volatile situation even the normally oblivious Jules cannot ignore. 352 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2009-2010.
- Oppel, Kenneth. *This Dark Endeavor*. 2011.
When his twin brother falls ill in the family's chateau in the independent republic of Geneva in the eighteenth century, sixteen-year-old Victor Frankenstein embarks on a dangerous and uncertain quest to create the forbidden Elixir of Life described in an ancient text in the family's secret Biblioteka Obscura. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.
- + Orr, Wendy. *Nim's Island*. 2001. DB, RC
Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help. 125 pages.
- Otsuka, Julie. *When the Emperor Was Divine*. 2002. DB, RC
A story told from five different points of view chronicles the experiences of Japanese Americans caught up in the nightmare of World War II internment camps. 160 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2007-2008.

Parrado, Nando. *Miracle in the Andes: 72 Days on the Mountain and My Long Trek Home*. 2006. LP, DB, RC

In 1972 a plane full of young Uruguayan rugby players crashed in the Andes Mountains. Thirty-four years later, after much reflection and soul-searching, crash survivor Nando Parrado shares his side of the story. 304 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2008-2009.

+ Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*. 1977. LP, DB

The life of ten-year-old Jess in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with newcomer Leslie, and they create the imaginary land of Terabithia where they rule as king and queen, until a terrible tragedy occurs. 144 pages. Grade 5 up.

Paterson, Katherine. *Day of the Pelican*. 2009. DB

In 1998 when the Kosovo hostilities escalate, thirteen-year-old Meli's life as an ethnic Albanian changes forever after her brother escapes his Serbian captors and the entire family flees from one refugee camp to another until they are able to immigrate to America. 160 pages. Gr. 5 up.

Paterson, Katherine. *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. 1978. LP, DB

An eleven-year old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly. 148 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1979-1980.

Paterson, Katherine. *Jacob, Have I Loved*. 1980. DB

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity. 244 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 1981-1982.

Paterson, Katherine. *Lyddie*. 1991. LP, DB

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s. 182 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1992-1993.

Patterson, James & Hal Friedman. *Med Head: My Knock-down, Drag-out, Drugged-up Battle With My Brain*. 2010.

Cory Friedman woke up one morning when he was five years old with the uncontrollable urge to twitch his neck. From that day forward his life became a hell of irrepressible tics and involuntary utterances, and Cory embarked on an excruciating journey from specialist to specialist to discover the cause of his disease. Soon it became unclear what tics were symptoms of his disease and what were side effects of countless combinations of drugs. The only certainty is that it kept getting worse. This is the true story of Cory and his family's decades-long battle for survival in the face of extraordinary difficulties and a maddening medical establishment. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Paulsen, Gary. *Dogsong*. 1983. LP, DB, RC

A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself. 177 pages. Gr. 5-8.

Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*. 1987. DB, RC

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. 195 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF Winner 1989.

Pearce, Philippa. *Tom's Midnight Garden*. 1958. RC

Tom is angry at being sent to stay with his aunt and uncle when his brother catches the measles, but when he discovers the way into a mysterious garden that doesn't exist in our time and befriends a girl from the past, he never wants to leave. 232 pages. Gr. 5 up.

Pearson, Ridley. *Steel Trapp: The Challenge*. 2008. DB, RC

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists. 336 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2009-2010.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Summer of the Gypsy Moths*. 2012.

A foster child named Angel and twelve-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system. 288 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2013-2014.

Perkins, Stephanie. *Anna and the French Kiss*. 2010.

When Anna's romance-novelist father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes, and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more. 400 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Peters, Julie Ann. *Luna*. 2004.

For years, Liam has transformed himself into the beautiful girl he longs to be with help from his sister's clothes and makeup in the secrecy of their basement bedrooms, but now, everything is about to change - Luna is preparing to emerge from her cocoon. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life as We Knew It*. 2006. DB, RC

Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. 360 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Picoult, Jodi. *My Sister's Keeper*. 2004. LP, DB, AUD

Conceived as a genetic match for her terminally ill sister, Anna is tired of being used as "spare parts," and sues her parents to take control of her own life. 448 pages. YA & adult. GMBA Winner 2007.

Pierson, D.C. *The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To*. 2010.

Fifteen-year-old Darren, a social misfit who spends his time at school trying not to be noticed while drawing characters for a planned film series and book tie-ins, befriends Eric, another outcast who reveals that he never sleeps. 240 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2012-2013.

Price, Catherine. *101 Places Not to See Before You Die*. 2010.

A spirited, ingenious, tongue-in-cheek guide to some of the least appealing destinations and experiences in the world. 272 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2011-2012.

Priest, Cherie. *Boneshaker*. 2009. DB

Inventor Leviticus Blue creates a machine that accidentally decimates Seattle's banking district and uncovers a vein of Blight Gas that turns everyone who breathes it into the living dead. Sixteen years later Briar, Blue's widow, lives in the poor neighborhood outside the wall that's been built around the uninhabitable city. Life is tough with a ruined reputation, but she and her teenage son Ezekiel are surviving--until Zeke impetuously decides that he must reclaim his father's name from the clutches of history. 416 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Pyron, Bobbie. *A Dog's Way Home*. 2011.

After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, eleven-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other. 336 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. 1961. LP, DB, RC

The story of a young boy's love for two hunting dogs and his coming of age in Oklahoma in the 1930's. 249 pages. Gr. 6 up.

Reiss, Johanna. *The Upstairs Room*. 1972.

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II. 208 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 1973-1974.

Riggs, Ransom. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. 2011. DB.

A horrific family tragedy sends sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of an old orphanage that was home to children who were more than just peculiar, but possibly dangerous--and who may still be alive. Illustrated with vintage found photographs. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. 2008. DB, RC, LP

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Gr. 5 up. 400 pages.

- Roach, Mary. *Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers*. 2003. DB, RC
From medicinal mummies to cadaver models for crash-test dummies, this is a well-researched, lively dissection of offbeat ways that the dead have served the living. It is informative and respectful as well as irreverent and witty. 304 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2005-2006.
- Rocklin, Joanne. *The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook*. 2012.
As ten-year-old Oona and her younger brother conspire to break their sick cat Zook out of the veterinary clinic, Oona tells the story of Zook's previous lives. 240 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2013-2014.
- Rosoff, Meg. *How I Live Now*. 2004. LP, DB, RC
To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land. 194 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.
- Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. 2011. DB
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. 576 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.
- +Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. 1998. LP, DB
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches. 309 pages. Gr. 4 up.
- St. James, James. *Freak Show*. 2007.
Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. 304 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.
- Satrapı, Marjane. *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*. 2003.
In graphic novel format, Satrapı tells the story of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. 160 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2005-2006.
- Schmidt, Gary. *The Wednesday Wars*. 2007. DB, RC, LP
During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in. 272 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2008-2009.

- Scieszka, Jon. *Summer Reading Is Killing Me*. 1998. DB
At the beginning of summer vacation, Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books. 73 pages. Gr. 3 up.
- Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*. 1970. DB, RC
The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York City and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat. 190 pages. Gr. 4-6.
- Sharenow, Robert. *My Mother the Cheerleader*. 2006. DB, RC
Thirteen-year-old Louise uncovers secrets about her family and her neighborhood during the violent protests over school desegregation in 1960 New Orleans. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.
- Shulman, Polly. *The Grimm Legacy*. 2010. DB
New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods. 325 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2011-2012
- Shusterman, Neil. *Unwind*. 2007. DB, RC
In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives. 352 pages. YA. GMBA Winner 2010.
- Silberberg, Alan. *Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze*. 2010.
In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school and best pals with Marshall, the "One Eyed Jack" of friends, seventh-grader Milo Cruikshank misses his mother whose death has changed everything at home. 288 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2011-2012.
- Sitomer, Alan Lawrence. *The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez*. 2010. DB, RC
Tenth-grader Sonia reveals secrets about her life and her Hispanic family as she studies hard to become the first Rodriguez to finish high school. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.
- Slade, Arthur. *The Hunchback Assignments*. 2009.
In Victorian London, fourteen-year-old Modo, a shape-changing hunchback, becomes a secret agent for the Permanent Association, which strives to protect the world from the evil machinations of the Clockwork Guild. 278 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2010-2011.
- Sleator, William. *Interstellar Pig*. 1984. DB
Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call Interstellar Pig. 197 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 1985-1986.

Smith, Roland. *Peak*. 2007. DB, RC

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Smith, Roland. *Storm Runners*. 2011.

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida. 143 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. *The Egypt Game*. 1967. DB, RC

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies. 215 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 1968-1969.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *After Ever After*. 2010. DB

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen who is studying drums in Africa. 260 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Notes From the Midnight Driver*. 2006.

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness. 288 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*. 1990. LP, DB, RC

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries. 184 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF Winner 1992.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind*. 1989. RC

When eleven-year-old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes. 240 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 1990-1991.

Stiefvater, Maggie. *Scorpio Races*. 2011. DB.

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. 416 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.

Stone, Phoebe. *The Boy on Cinnamon Street*. 2012.

Since a tragedy she cannot remember, thirteen-year-old Louise has changed her name, given up gymnastics, moved in with her grandparents, and locked her feelings inside, but

- through her friends Reni and Hen and notes from a secret admirer she begins to find herself again. 240 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2013-2014.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. *Courage Has No Color*. 2013.
Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers. 147 pages. Gr. 6 up. DCF 2014-2015.
- Stork, Francisco X. *Marcelo in the Real World*. 2009. DB
Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm. 320 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.
- Sturm, James, Andrew Arnold, & Alexis Frederick Frost. *Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles Into Comics*. 2009.
Once upon a time...a princess tried to make a comic. And with the help of a magical cartooning elf, she learned how-well enough to draw her way out of an encounter with a dangerous dragon, near-death by drowning, and into her very own adventure! 112 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2010-2011.
- Sullivan, Tara. *Golden Boy*. 2013. DB
A Tanzanian albino boy finds himself the ultimate outsider, hunted because of the color of his skin. 356 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2014-2015.
- Tamaki, Mariko & Jillian Tamaki. *Skim*. 2008.
"Skim" (Kimberly Keiko Cameron) is a not-slim would-be Wiccan goth who goes to a private girls' school. When her classmate Katie is dumped by her boyfriend, who then kills himself, the entire school goes into mourning overdrive. The popular clique starts a club to boost school spirit, but Skim sinks into an ever-deepening depression. 144 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.
- Taylor, Mildred. *The Friendship* and *The Gold Cadillac* (one book). 1987. RC (separate books)
The Friendship: Four children witness a confrontation between an elderly black man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930's. 47 pages. Gr. 3-6.
The Gold Cadillac: Two black girls living in the North are proud of their family's beautiful new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time. 34 pages. Gr. 3 up.
- Telgemeier, Raina. *Smile*. 2010.
In this graphic memoir, Telgemeier recounts the dental hell and accompanying social problems she went through as an adolescent. 213 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF Winner 2012.
- TenNapel, Doug. *Ghostopolis*. 2010.
When he is accidentally transported to the spirit world by a washed-out ghost wrangler, Garth Hale discovers that the world's evil ruler wants his unique powers, so he teams up with some unlikely allies to find a way home. 272 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Tharp, Tim. *Knights of the Hill Country*. 2006.

In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football. 233 pages.

YA. GMBA 2009-2010.

Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home*. 2013. DB

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters. 257 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. 1885. LP, DB, RC

The adventures of a boy and a runaway slave as they travel down the Mississippi River on a raft. 224 pages. Gr. 6 up.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. 1876. LP, DB

The adventures of a boy growing up in the nineteenth century in a Mississippi River town as he plays hookey on an island, witnesses a crime, hunts for the pirates' treasure, and becomes lost in a cave. 192 pages. Gr. 5 up.

+Twain, Mark. *The Prince and the Pauper*. 1881. DB

When young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life. 226 pages. Gr. 5 up.

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Frogged*. 2013.

When almost-thirteen-year-old Princess Imogene is turned into a frog, she puts into practice lessons from the book, *The Art of Being a Princess*, as she tries to become her less-than-perfect self again. 198 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF 2014-2015.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *The Running Dream*. 2011. DB

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again. 336 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Vaughan, Brian. *Pride of Baghdad*. 2006.

Based on an actual event, this graphic novel tells the story of a pride of lions who in 2003 escaped from the Baghdad Zoo during an American bombing raid. Lost and confused, hungry but finally free, the four lions roamed the decimated streets of Baghdad in a desperate struggle for their lives. 136 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2009-2010.

Vaughan, Brian. *Runaways Vol. 1: Pride and Joy*. 2004.

When six young friends discover that their parents are all secretly super-powered villains, they run away together and find strength in one another to overcome their evil legacy. 144 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.

- Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*. 1873. LP
In 1872 Phileas Fogg wins a bet by traveling around the world in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes. 160 pages. Gr. 6 up.
- Vizzini, Ned. *It's Kind of a Funny Story*. 2006. DB, RC
A humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital. 448 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Volponi, Paul. *Black and White*. 2005. DB, RC
Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught. 199 pages. YA. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Vowell, Sarah. *Assassination Vacation*. 2005. DB, RC
Sarah Vowell travels across the United States, bringing into sharp focus the figures involved in the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley, as well as the social and political circumstances that led to each. She exposes some glorious conundrums of American history in a witty, sometimes irreverent manner. 272 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2008-2009.
- Walls, Jeannette. *The Glass Castle*. 2005. DB
The child of an alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing, during which she and her siblings fended for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities. 288 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2007-2008.
- Wein, Elizabeth. *Code Name Verity*. 2012. DB.
In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2013-2014.
- Werlin, Nancy. *The Double Helix*. 2004. DB, RC
Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering. 256 pages. YA. GMBA 2006-2007.
- Wilhelm, Doug. *The Revealers*. 2003.
Tired of being bullied and picked on, three seventh-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of the Internet, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School. 207 pages. Gr. 6-8.
- Wilhelm, Doug. *True Shoes*. 2011.
In this sequel to *The Revealers* the characters deal with cyber bullying in middle school. 235 pages. Gr. 5-8.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. *The Castle in the Attic*. 1985. RC
A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest. 179 pages. Gr. 4 up. DCF Winner 1987.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. *Counting on Grace*. 2006. DB, RC

Twelve year old friends, Grace and Arthur, try to find a way to escape working in the textile mill with their family so they can go to school. Helping them find their way is their teacher Miss Lesley, and photographer Lewis Hine. 232 pages. Gr. 5-8. DCF 2007-2008.

Wolitzer, Meg. *The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman*. 2011. DB

Twelve-year-olds Duncan Dorfman, April Blunt, and Nate Saviano meet at the Youth Scrabble Tournament where, although each has a different reason for attending and for needing to win, they realize that something more important is at stake than the grand prize. 256 pages. Gr. 5 up. DCF 2012-2013.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *Blink & Caution*. 2012. DB

Blink, hoping to steal some breakfast, is forced to go on the run after stumbling upon the fake kidnapping of a CEO and recovering the man's cell phone, and he meets up with Caution, a girl trying to ditch her drug-dealing boyfriend, who identifies Blink as a mark until he tugs at her heart strings. 342 pages. YA. GMBA 2014-2015.

Yancey, Rick. *Monstrumologist*. 2009. DB

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi. 464 pages. YA. GMBA 2011-2012.

Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*. 2006.

This graphic novel alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. 233 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.

Yang, Gene Luen & Derek Kirk Kim. *The Eternal Smile*. 2009.

In three very different stories, master storytellers Gene Yang and Derek Kirk Kim pit fantasy against reality, for good or for ill. 176 pages. YA. GMBA 2010-2011.

Yovanoff, Brenna. *The Replacement*. 2010.

Sixteen-year-old Mackie Doyle knows that he replaced a human child when he was just an infant, and when a friend's sister disappears he goes against his family's and town's deliberate denial of the problem to confront the beings that dwell under the town, tampering with human lives. 352 pages. YA. GMBA 2012-2013.

Zafon, Carlos Ruiz. *The Prince of Mist*. 2010. DB

In 1943, in a seaside town where their family has gone to be safe from war, thirteen-year-old Max Carver and his sister, fifteen-year-old Alicia, with their new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died. 214 pages. Gr. 7 up. DCF 2011-2012.

Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*. 1968. RC

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man. 192 pages. Gr. 7 up.

Zusak, Marcus. *The Book Thief*. 2006. LP, DB, RC

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel-a young German girl whose book-stealing and storytelling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. 576 pages. YA & adult. GMBA 2008-2009.

Zusak, Markus. *I Am the Messenger*. 2005. DB, RC

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cabdriver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness. 368 pages. YA. GMBA 2007-2008.

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